[This letter was sent to all directors of depository libraries by first class mail during the week of January 3-6, 1995.]

January 4, 1995

Dear Depository Library Director:

I am writing to you in your capacity as the director of one of the nearly 1,400 libraries in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), to share some thoughts on what we can do together to meet the challenge of the electronic information future. The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) has administered the FDLP for over 100 years, forging a successful partnership in safeguarding the American public's right to know about the activities of their government.

In GPO and in depository libraries the historical mechanism of distributing physical copies of publications produced a system based on the on-site use of depository library collections. Electronic publishing and dissemination technologies are shifting the emphasis from what a library owns to what the library user can access. The FDLP is in a transition period during which both GPO and the depository libraries must work together to create new and innovative ways to serve the public.

As you know, it is difficult just to keep up with current events in the expanding world of electronic information delivery. Federal agencies are spawning bulletin boards, Internet servers, and CD-ROMs at a dizzying pace. The opportunities for connecting with this proliferation of information are multiplying exponentially. Connectivity is important, but it is not our main problem.

What is missing, and what we must work on together, is the ability to sift through this exploding universe of data and take useful information the final ten yards to the public consumer in a way that satisfies individual needs. We must address a whole range of critical issues including the training of librarians, technical support, upgrading library computer resources, promoting public awareness, and paying for the costs of these activities. Without this commitment to reach out and make contact with the American public we will have a huge but unused storehouse of Federal Government information.

GPO Access

Here are some new initiatives undertaken by the FDLP. Under the GPO Electronic Information Access Enhancement Act of 1993, the Superintendent of Documents is required to maintain an electronic directory of Federal electronic information (the Locator Service); provide a system of online access to the <u>Congressional Record</u>, the <u>Federal Register</u> and other appropriate publications (the Online Service); and operate an electronic storage facility for Federal electronic information (the Storage Facility). Collectively, along with the Federal Bulletin Board, these are called GPO Access.

The GPO Access online interactive services, including the <u>Congressional Record</u>, the <u>Federal Register</u>, and the Congressional Bills databases, are now being offered free of charge to depository libraries. We will soon add the <u>U.S. Code</u> and other legislative, regulatory, and judicial databases. In addition, over the past three years more than 800 Federal CD-ROM products were distributed to depository libraries. These electronic products offer exciting new public service opportunities for those libraries which have the requisite equipment and personnel resources to use them.

To this point, the electronic products in the FDLP are additional, not alternate, selections for Federal information, and have been offered as adjuncts to the traditional print formats. Since we are moving from paper to electronic format, depository libraries must prepare for the day when the electronic version of many publications will be the sole format provided through the FDLP.

GPO's electronic storage facility will soon offer important new services I am sure you will want to test and use. The facility will collect Federal electronic information in image and full-text formats which will be available to depository libraries on demand. We foresee that on demand electronic access will ultimately replace much of the microfiche and paper presently being sent to depository libraries.

GPO's Locator Service, the "electronic directory of Federal electronic information," will serve the public directly and through depository libraries. It will provide users with descriptive data on a variety of Federal information services and products and facilitate access to the referenced information. The Locator Service will provide access to bibliographic records from the GPO sales publication database (Publications Reference File) and the <u>Monthly Catalog of U.S. Government Publications</u>. Users who wish to view the referenced publications will be directed to the nearest depository libraries which received the material. In addition, users may opt to order publications from the GPO Sales Program. The GPO Locator Service's design complies with the recently announced Government Information Locator Systems (GILS) standards, and allows the incorporation of additional locators from other participating Federal agencies.

Gateways to GPO Access

Perhaps our most exciting initiative is the "gateway" project, under which a participating depository library can extend no-fee, off-site public access to GPO's online services, through the library's own computer resources or an arrangement with a state or local public network. Anyone with a personal computer, a phone modem, and communications software may

connect from home or office to the GPO Access databases through a depository library gateway. Gateway users may search the databases as frequently as they like, without charge. GPO is working with a select group of depository libraries and local networks to develop model gateways built on existing campus and public networks. The first two gateways began in October 1994, making free access to the GPO online interactive services available to the American public around the clock, seven days a week.

Access to these electronic products, including the online interactive services, is provided free of charge to depository libraries, with the costs paid by the FDLP appropriation. As with all depository information, the library must provide free public access to the selected databases and CD-ROM products. Increasingly, the users of depository libraries expect to have access to Federal electronic information, whether disseminated online or on CD-ROM. Although it is not yet mandatory to provide such services through public access work stations, it is recommended.

For the past several years, GPO has provided to the depository community a set of "Recommended Minimum Technical Guidelines" for microcomputer hardware and software for use with Federal electronic information. We have recently upgraded the recommended platform based on the results of the "Electronic Capabilities Survey" of depositories which we conducted during July and August 1994. Considering the findings of that survey, and the types of electronic products which GPO and other agencies are offering, we are recommending high-end public use work stations for depository libraries. Although these recommended guidelines are only advisory in nature today, it is quite possible that they will become requirements for depository libraries in the future.

What Depositories Can Do

Over the next few years, depositories should be able to offer users access to work stations with a choice of a text-based or graphical user interface, CD-ROM capability, Internet connections, and the ability to print or download extensive documents. We view Internet connections as essential for future depository services. Internet dissemination is becoming the de facto standard for many Federal information products, as well as supporting timely public participation in the interactive processes of Government. GPO is moving quickly toward using Internet as the principal channel of administrative communications with depositories. Also, as you know, libraries throughout the nation are using Internet to develop arrangements for electronic resource sharing.

Electronic information dissemination represents an opportunity for depository libraries to expand the quantity and quality of Federal information available to the public, but it is also a challenge for many libraries. I urge you to assess the electronic information delivery capabilities of your library, and to take an active role in ensuring that your library has the requisite resources to take its place in the Federal Depository Library Program of the future.

An Invitation to Discuss Issues

GPO, in cooperation with the American Library Association (ALA) Government Documents Round Table, will present a special program for library directors on electronic information

initiatives at the upcoming ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. I invite you to attend this program Saturday, February 4, 1995, from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. The location of this session will be listed in the final ALA Conference schedule.

I also want to encourage you to consider establishing your library as a gateway to our online services, or to partner with a public network in your area which would act as a gateway. The direct involvement of a library's top management is essential to bring the resources together for an institution to become a gateway. Please contact me at (202) 512-0571, or Mr. Jay Young, Director, Library Programs Service, at (202) 512-1114, to discuss the gateway opportunity or any other matter concerning the FDLP.

Sincerely,

WAYNE P. KELLEY
Superintendent of Documents

GPO Releases U.S. Code on GPO Access

The U.S. Code database is now available on GPO's WAIS Server. This important new database joins the official Government versions of the Congressional Record, Congressional Bills and the Federal Register that have been offered in electronic format over the Internet through the GPO Access service since June 1994. The new database is available free to participating depository libraries and at no additional charge to all Congressional Bills subscribers.

The United States Code is prepared and published by the Office of the Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives. It is the codification of the general and permanent laws of the United States. The database contains the text of laws in effect as of January 1994; however, any section that has been affected by laws passed during the 2nd session of the 103d Congress includes a note identifying the public law that affected that section.

Current subscribers using WAIS client software should create a new source file with the server address wais.access.gpo.gov, the database name uscode, and the internet port number 210. It has already been added to the menu for SWAIS users.

For additional information, contact the Access User Support Team on telephone: (202) 512-1530; fax: (202) 512-1262; or Internet e-mail: < help@eids05.eids.gpo.gov >

Recommended Minimum Technical Guidelines for Federal Depository Libraries

Revised January 1995

In order to assist depository libraries in remaining current with advances in personal computer (PC) technology, the Library Programs Service (LPS) has once again revised the "Recommended Minimum Technical Guidelines." This revision emphasizes the Windows operating system and Internet capability, and is based in part on the findings of the Electronic Capabilities Survey which LPS conducted in 1994. Libraries having equipment which meets or exceeds these guidelines will be in a position to use the electronic products distributed through the Federal Depository Library Program. In addition, these guidelines support the use of the GPO Access online services, as well as other Federal online information resources.

Although these are recommendations, rather than requirements, LPS strongly encourages depositories to install microcomputer work stations that meet at least these minimum standards. It is also recommended that these guidelines be applied to public work stations, as well as those intended for depository staff.

Minimum Workstation Configuration

Computer	IBM-compatible 486DX2 computer operating at 66Mhz
Memory	8 or more megabytes (Mb) of RAM; expandable to 16 Mb or more
Floppy Disks	Both 3.5" high density and 5.25" high density
Hard Disk Drive	540 Mb capacity or higher; 15ms or less access time; IDE or SCSI interface
Expansion	Minimum of three free expansion bus board slots; 1 or more additional hard drive bay(s) desirable; 2 serial and 1 parallel ports; consider an available ZIF (zero insertion force) CPU upgrade socket.
Display	Super VGA (SVGA) compatible, 15" monitor with at least 70Mhz vertical refresh rate at SVGA resolution (800X600) non-interlaced, 0.28 or smaller dot pitch; display card which supports 800X600 resolution at 70Mhz or faster. Consider a 19" high resolution monitor to display 8.5" x 11" full page images.
CD-ROM Drive	Single or multiple platter drive compatible with ISO 9660 standard; consider the multi-media supporting standards. (300 K/byte per second transfer rate, double speed support, CD-ROM XA support, include a 16 bit sound board for PC; Ad-Lib or Sound Blaster compatible)

Printer	24 pin dot matrix; Epson or IBM Proprinter emulation compatible. Consider purchase of low cost color dot matrix printers for multi-media output or laser printers for high resolution graphics (HP compatible).
Pointing Device	Microsoft-compatible mouse or similar pointing device to support programs and Microsoft Windows.
Modem	14.4 kbps, meeting V.32, V.42, V.42bis or MNP 5 standards and compatible with Hayes "AT" command set.
Network Connection	SLIP/PPP Internet connection, with FTP (File Transfer Protocol) capability.

Software

Operating System	Microsoft Windows 3.1 or later (requires MS-DOS 3.3 or higher); Device driver for CD-ROM drive and MS-DOS CD-ROM extensions.
Database	dBASE file format compatible or dBASE and ASCII comma delimited file importing database management software; useful to have fixed field format (SDF) import ability.
Spreadsheet	Lotus .WK1 file format compatible software; support for other popular formats such as Excel and Quattro Pro.
Word Processing	Software capable of importing major text file formats (Ami Pro, WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, Multimate, etc.) and ASCII text files.
Communications	Software package which offers "script" files to automate log-on procedures; and supports XMODEM, YMODEM, ZMODEM, and Kermit file transfer protocols; several terminal emulations such as ANSI-BBS, TTY, VT-100; and capable of up to 19200 bps transfer speeds; supports Hayes "AT" compatible modems; manages telnet sessions.
Client Software	WAIS client (EINet WinWais customized for GPO Access recommended), and a World Wide Web browser.
Viewers	Adobe Acrobat PDF file viewer.

Costs

The cost section is being eliminated from this revision. Cost information is readily available, and subject to rapid change and local market conditions. The ranges offered in the previous "Guidelines" were too wide to support accurate planning and budgeting.

Rationale

The above configuration provides ample resources to handle multiple software and CD-ROM retrieval packages, yet is available at a reasonable cost. Current 486DX2 prices are only slightly higher than the 486SX. The ability to run 32 bit specific software in a graphical environment is desirable. Selection of the high end options mentioned in these guidelines will help to delay the onset of obsolescence. The available system memory can be better utilized by a variety of software. The software recommendations should permit the use of most anticipated government produced products. Microsoft Windows 3.1 software is also easily supported by this configuration.

While this configuration should prove satisfactory, **LPS encourages the purchase of a configuration superior to this if affordable.** The speed at which the computer industry changes dictates that flexibility is a desirable quality in any hardware and software purchases. Systems which are more than adequate today are obsolete tomorrow.

ERIC Microfiche Distribution to Resume in March 1995

The Library Programs Service (LPS) has not received ERIC publications (SuDocs class ED 1.310/2:, item 0466-A-03) for conversion to microfiche since the fall of 1992. Other publications from the Educational Research and Improvement Office have been acquired and distributed. In January 1995, LPS will begin receiving second generation silver reproducible microfiche from ERIC for duplication and distribution to depository libraries. LPS expects resumption of distribution of ERIC publications by March 1995.

New Publications Survey Distributed

The Library Programs Service (LPS) has issued survey 94-001 to determine the item count for depository distribution of new publications. LPS sent the survey to depository libraries via first class mail under shipping list number 94-0343-P, dated December 27, 1994. (This shipping list number was generated solely for use with this survey.) The survey is due back in LPS by **January 27, 1995**.

This is the second time LPS has conducted a survey using fax transmission. The first, survey 93-002, was sent to libraries via fax (see Administrative Notes, v. 14, #23, Nov. 15, 1993). Survey 94-001 was sent by mail in order to dedicate the terminal containing the fax software to receiving the returned forms.

Surveys 93-002 and 94-001 share the following features:

- Each item should be marked, whether for selection or non-selection. (Previously, libraries marked only those items they wished to select.)

- The title, as well as the item number, is shown on the response form for each publication.

- The machine-readable survey response form **must be faxed** back to LPS. Responses will be automatically tabulated through the use of special software.

LPS asks for your patience and constructive comments as we work on improving the survey process.

Please return survey forms to this fax number only: **(202) 512-1625**. Use of any other fax number will result in delays and possible non-tabulation of your selections.

Free Subscriptions to STAT-USA Available to Depositories
Commerce Department's Online Service Consolidates Data

Registration forms for STAT-USA were distributed to depository libraries in the regular shipment boxes for the week ending 12/16/94. STAT-USA is available on the Internet. Federal depository libraries are eligible for a free subscription to this new service from the Economics and Statistics Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. STAT-USA focuses on economic, financial, and trade data. Familiar resources now available through STAT-USA include Market Research Reports, Guides to Doing Business in Foreign Countries, and U.S. Export Regulations.

Registration for this new online service is available to all depository libraries. The registration form must be faxed to LPS staff at (202) 512-1636. We encourage all libraries

to take advantage of this opportunity provided by the Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration to have current business information in the most timely manner.

Federal Depository Library STAT-USA Internet Account Validation Form

This account will provide you with Internet access to STAT-USA's collection of business and economic information, including the National Trade Data Bank and the National Economic, Social, and Environmental Data Bank.

Please complete the entire form and return it by fax to **202-512-1636.**

Depository Number: _____

Depository Name: _____

Library Address: _____

Depository Librarian's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Internet Email Address:** _____

User Support Contact Name (if different from above): _____

Phone Number: _____ **Internet Email Address:** _____

This account will provide you access to both STAT-USA's subscription-only World Wide Web Servers.

Your account is good for a single workstation. This site is to be used for free public access under the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). It is against STAT-USA policy to give out your account number or password to another organization or individual. Also, you may not allow organizations outside your library to connect to STAT-USA using your account and password via your library's computer network; a public access workstation in an FDL is permissible. Any violation of these terms will result in the termination of your account with STAT-USA. If you agree to these terms, please sign below.

Library Director's Signature: _____

This form will be used to validate your STAT-USA account and update your selection records.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

United States Department of Commerce
"Information for the 21st Century"

The Economics and Statistics Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce is pleased to introduce STAT-USA* -- the comprehensive information service providing economic, business, and social/environmental program data produced by more than 50 Federal sources. An immediate response to Vice President Gore's call for an Information Superhighway, it already delivers hundreds of thousands of Federal publications and statistical reports to U.S. businesses and the public.

THE FIRST STAGE: The first stage of STAT-USA focuses on economic, financial, and trade data. This includes worldwide listings of businesses interested in buying U.S. products, analyses of export opportunities in specific industries and countries, tens of thousands of research reports, labor statistics, and price indexes.

These reports are of immediate use to a broad cross section of the business and professional community, including:

• American businesses,

• economic and business analysts,

• educational institutions at every level,

• exporters and trade specialists,

• financial analysts,

• government economic policymakers, and

• state, local, and private economic development authorities

COMING ATTRACTIONS: In the near future, STAT-USA will add many more reports on the economy and trade, and on a broad spectrum of domestic programs. Coverage will include demographic and social statistics, Government procurement opportunities, calendars of events, news releases, Federal rules and regulations, economic and business conditions in specific U.S. localities, Federal trade laws, health care and welfare proposals and legislation ... and much more.

* STAT-USA is a trademark of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration.

**ACCESSING
STAT-USA:**

STAT-USA is open to all on the Internet:

WWW:	www.stat-usa.gov
Gopher:	gopher.stat-usa.gov
FTP:	ftp.stat-usa.gov

CONTACTS:

Call STAT-USA (formerly the Office of Business Analysis) for more information on this service, the National Trade Data Bank on CD-ROM, and our other electronic information products. Our Help Line number is 202-482-1986. For TDD access, dial 202-482-1526. Our fax number is 202-482-2164.

**STAT-USA
AT A GLANCE:**

Agricultural Commodity Production and Trade
Basic Export Information
Country Reports on Economic and Social Policies and Trade Practices
Energy Production, Supply, and Inventories
Exchange Rates
Export Licensing Information
Guides to Doing Business in Foreign Countries/ How-to Guides
Interest Rates
International Trade Regulations and International Trade Agreements
Market Research Reports
Overseas and Domestic Industry Information
Price Indexes
State Exports
State Trade Contacts
Trade Opportunities
U.S. Export Regulations
U.S. Import and Export Statistics by Country and Commodity
U.S. International Transactions
U.S. National Economic Accounts

The complete contents of STAT-USA includes hundreds of books, magazines, reports, and major databases. The topics above give a general idea of the breadth of information available. STAT-USA is growing every day as information of interest to you becomes available.

A Short Guide to Using PayPerNet

[The following guide was supplied by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.]

What It Is:

The **PayPerNet** is a public Bulletin Board System (BBS) operated by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. It provides information relating to: Title 5 Special Rates, Position Classification, Pay Administration, Total Quality Management (TQM), Employee and Labor Relations, Senior Executive Service (SES), Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990 (FEPCA), Federal Wage System, and issuances on Federal personnel processing to Federal agencies and individuals nationwide. There are no subscription costs to use this system other than incurred long-distance telephone charges.

The BBS is organized as a Main Board with conferences. A conference is a special segment of the BBS which is dedicated to a specific program area. Conferences contain their own messages, news items, files, and bulletins for users interested in the specific program areas. They also permit users to exchange messages on a specific topic and to share information that would not be of primary interest to other users. PayperNet offers eleven public conferences:

1. Special Rates Information (SRTIS)
2. Utilities (UTILTY)
3. Total Quality Management (QUALNET)
4. Classification (CLASSIF)
5. Pay Administration (PAYAD)
6. Performance Management (PERFMANA)
7. Employee and Labor Relations (LABORREL)
8. Senior Executive Service (SES)
9. Federal Employees Pay Comparability (FEPCA)
10. Personnel Records Processing & Management (PERSRCDS)
11. Federal Wage System (WAGESYS)

What It Does:

It enables users (via four nodes) to exchange messages, download and/or upload files, view bulletins and news files, etc. over regular telephone lines. The BBS has a 4-line rotating capability which handles four callers simultaneously. The system accommodates modem transmissions from 1200 to 9600 baud.

All users are given 30 minutes per call when they register. On joining a conference, users are given an additional 30 minutes for a total time of 1 hour per day. Users will be disconnected after that time is exhausted and will not be able to call back until the next day.

The BBS will disconnect any user after 4 minutes of inactivity. There is a warning given after three minutes of inactivity; users are then disconnected after another inactive minute.

What It Contains:

- **SRTIS Conference** - information about Title V Special Rates program, reports of Title V Special Rates authorizations, and individual salary tables for Title V Special Rates authorizations

- **UTILTY Conference** - shareware computer programs for bulletin board users

- **QUALNET Conference** - information on Total Quality Management (TQM) issues

- **CLASSIF Conference** - information on new developments in position classification, selected draft and final standards, IAG classification committee minutes, and significant classification decisions and opinions

- **PAYAD Conference** - salary tables for the General Schedule and Senior Executive Service; adjusted 8% General Schedule; and GS and SES Law Enforcement Officers in the 4%, 8% and 16% special pay adjustment areas; locality pay schedules and geographic locations; other pay and compensation issues

- **PERFMANA Conference** - information and guidance on performance management, PMRS developments, performance appraisals, incentive awards and other performance management issues

- **LABORREL Conference** - assistance to agency employee and labor relations programs and up-to-date information on Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA), and employee relations court decisions; judicial review status reports; and other labor relations issues

- **SES Conference** - information on Senior Executive Service job opportunities and development programs

- **FEPCA Conference** - information on pay issues and initiatives relating to the Federal Employees Pay Comparability Act of 1990

- **PERSRCDS Conference** - provide operating personnel offices FPM Letter and Bulletins on matters related to guidance in FPM Supplements 293-31, Basic Personnel Records and Files System and 296-33, The Guide to Processing Personnel Actions.

- **WAGESYS Conference** - guidance and information on the Federal Wage System and Federal Wage Schedules

Equipment Required:

- Personal computer, word processor, or data terminal capable of asynchronous communications

- Telephone modem at 1200, 2400 or 9600 baud rate

- Asynchronous communications software (parameters set to full duplex (F), no parity (N), 8 data bits (8), and 1 stop bit (1)

- Regular phone line

How To Access And Use It:

- Using your telecommunications software package, dial 202-606-2675.

- When connection is made, type in your name and complete the online registration process for new users.

- After registration, the Main Board news screen will appear followed by the main menu.

- To join a program area conference, select J from the menu and press enter. Then select the appropriate conference number. When you join a specific conference area, a short listing of important news for that area will be displayed. After the news information the main menu will appear again; however, the prompt will indicate you are in the conference area you selected.

- The system contains four main sections that you can access:

  1. **NEWS** - information on recent developments, short items of interest, conference file updates, etc., that all users see immediately after they sign onto the system and when they join a conference.

  2. **BULLETINS** - general conference and file information. Users can get a list of subjects by selecting bulletin listing from the menu. All bulletins can be read on-line.

  3. **MESSAGES** - users can ask questions, or post messages and receive responses within each conference area.

  4. **FILES** - text files or programs that users can copy to their own personal computer (download).

- To download a file, select D (Download a File) or **DB** (Batch Download), then type the filename and select a protocol type. We recommend using one of the Xmodem protocols for single file downloads and the Ymodem or Zmodem for multiple file downloads.

NOTE: After you select a file or files for downloading, you must initiate the beginning of a file transfer. You must signal your communications software to begin accepting the file transfer. If you are using PROCOMM you must press the "Page Down" key to

begin the downloading process. For other communications programs you will need to consult your software manual for instructions on how to initiate downloading.

- To exit a conference select **A** (Abandon Conference) from the menu and press the enter key. If you select **G** (Goodbye) within a conference area, you will automatically re-join the same conference when you logon again. (You will by-pass the Main Board area.)

Readers Exchange
Contact Your Congressperson

Regionalisms

by **Julie Wallace,** Regional Librarian, Government Publications Library (GPL), University of Minnesota

Regardless of our sentiments about the election results, every depository librarian has a task ahead right now, and it may be more important than ever. It is essential that every member of Congress (returning or new) hears NOW from the depository libraries in his [or her] district. The interim before they head for Washington is a good time to make those contacts, and especially to invite them and their local staff to visit. Even if you can't get the member himself to visit, see if someone from the staff wouldn't like to come for a tour of your collections and a sampling of the electronic resources you can provide. Since local staff are responsible for constituent work, they are often asked for information which can be found in depositories. They need to know how to make good referrals to you, and the good will can be enormously important.

As Congress seeks new and deeper cuts in all budgets, they need to be reminded of the responsibility they have to keep their constituents informed, and the role the depository program plays in that. By far the most impact is made when you can tell them about practical uses which benefit voters in the district--businesses which find useful contract leads and marketing information, hospitals which find regulations and research reports, faculty members who check on grant opportunities and trace legislative history, and of course citizens who can study the workings of government.

Remind your contacts of the importance of unrestricted and cost-free access for all citizens. New toys like government World Wide Web servers are nice, but will not help most citizens, who do not have the necessary computers at home. The libraries still must get information from the government in a coordinated manner (like the depository program). Those libraries are then in a position to work with Congress to keep the citizens informed. The partnership between Congress, local staff, and libraries is a good "hook" for your contact.

It may be useful for libraries in the same district to make these contacts together, or at least to mention the other depositories in correspondence. Once you have contacted your representative, modify your letter a bit and send it to the senators too. [Some senators] will be anxious to cut budgets, so [they] need to know that government information is worth funding.... I urge all depositories to make some sort of contact. Library directors should be involved--they may want to guide a tour of the whole library, or sign a letter. The depository designation is a good excuse for contact with a legislative office, so help your administration make the most of it.

New Books Catalog Has New Title and New Logo

Over the past year the Superintendent of Documents Office of Marketing has revised the logos that appear on promotional materials. The revised logos are intended to communicate the fact that an increasing number of products in the Sales Program are electronic.

The catalog formerly called New Books has a new title: United States Government Information. It also has a new logo, reproduced below, which first appeared on the August 1994 issue.

New Products from the U. S. Government

Publications, periodicals and electronic information products for sale

If you have any questions about catalogs, please call Vicki Rhone or Kathryn McConnell in the Office of Marketing: (202) 512-1710.

Table of Contents